

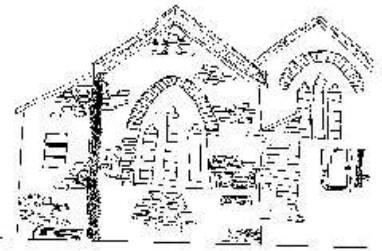
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 1st October 2010



Branscombe C of E Primary School
Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your support last week at Fun Day. There was a lovely atmosphere and great team participation. The scores were Reef Knot 110, Clove Hitch 109.5, Figure of Eight 115 and the winning team Bowline with 118.5. There was a bonus of 20 points to the best behaved team and this went to the Pre-School team. These points will be added to the knot team scores this week.

We are sorry that there have been some days when the usual class teachers haven't been in school recently. Mr Ford and myself have both been poorly - hang in there Mrs Crawford! Also Mr Ford is taking part in some training this half term related to the teaching of Modern Foreign Languages in KS1 classrooms. Mrs Annear has been teaching a unit of work in Class 1 during the duration of this course linked to the children's topic work about 'All About Me'. Thank you to Mrs Pinnock and Gemma for helping with this lesson yesterday.

Parent Evenings to discuss how your child is settling into the new school year will take place on Wednesday 13th October. More details will be sent out next week.

We are planning a parent forum which will be held shortly after the half term holidays. A date will be confirmed shortly.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School.

What Makes A Good Learner

A reminder that on Monday 4th October there is an after school parent workshop evening led by our Educational Psychologist Mr John Maxwell Batten entitled 'What Makes A Good Learner'. The workshop will start after school and a crèche will be available. Following the meeting Mr Ford will talk to the Foundation Stage parents about The Foundation Stage Profile which is the document used to assess the younger children.

Bikeability

We are so sorry that after parents and pupils in Years 5 and 6 have made all the effort this week to bring bikes to school the course wasn't able to be completed. Despite numerous conversations between school and the trainer prior to the event, the full extent of problems relating to running the course in Branscombe only became apparent during the middle of this week. The reason is because the children need to experience cycling round a roundabout, stopping at a give way sign etc. which of course we don't have a plentiful supply of in Branscombe! We have spoken to the organisers of Bikeability who are most apologetic about the problems this week and the disappointment to the pupils and they are looking into giving the children an opportunity to finish their training shortly. We will keep you informed of any news when we receive it!

School Photographs

Nicola will be sending the final order to Tempest on Monday, please ensure all photo money envelopes are handed into the office by first thing on Monday morning at the latest.

Boot Designing for the Welly Walk

We hope the sponsor collecting for our Welly Walk is going well, ready for our sponsored walk on 20th October. We have attached a 'welly boot' outline to this newsletter. We would like the children to design their own 'welly boot' on this and if they would like to, the children are then welcome to create their designs on an old 'welly boot' with paints or collage materials. There are ideas on the Farm Africa website www.farmafrica.org.uk/givepovertytheboot and we've printed some in this newsletter too. Please bring their 'welly creations' into school to put onto a display.



Texture Work

Class 2 are doing some work with Mrs Gray where they need to use small amounts of material of different textures. If you have any interesting materials at home that could be described as, for example, soft, scratchy, bumpy, rough, smooth, furry etc please could you send them in to Mrs Gray. Thank you for your help.

Water Bottles

We have had a communication from Devon County this week reminding schools of the benefits to children of drinking water during the day. We have always echoed this at Branscombe and encourage children to bring in water bottles (with a sports cap) so that they can have easy access throughout the day. However, there was some advice regarding the best way of keeping the bottles clean which, for your information, I have included below:

- Wash the bottles daily in warm soapy water, scrub the sports caps with a brush, rinse, and leave the bottles to air dry upside down in a hygienic place or wash them in a dishwasher if the bottles are suitable
- Once a week, the bottle and the cap should be soaked in a solution of sanitiser e.g. Milton used as per label instructions and then rinsed thoroughly before filling with water.

Asthma

A reminder that parents whose children carry asthma inhalers in school, either all the time or just when they are suffering particularly badly, need to fill in a new medical form. Please see Nicola in the office.

Dinner Forms

There is a school dinner order form attached to this newsletter.

Secondary School Applications

A reminder that the deadline for applications is 31st October.

School Coats

We will be placing the order for coats next week. Please send cash or a cheque (made payable to DCC) for £16.50 together with the size you require by Wednesday morning. Please see slip below. Sizes available are 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, and 13-14. There is a sample in the office if you would like to have a look.

Netball

The children in netball club have the opportunity of taking part in a tournament on Monday 18th October at 4pm at Sidmouth College. Please fill in the slip below if your child is interested so that a team can be selected. Thank you.

PTFA

The next cake stall is Thursday 7th October with Louisa and Jo doing the cakes. The next PTFA meeting will be held at 3pm on Thursday 7th October (just before the cake stall). The Chair, Secretary and Treasurer posts are all up for renewal so if you are interested in taking on one of these roles please try to come to the meeting. All parents and friends of the school are automatically members of the PTFA.

Advance notice that the Christmas Pub Quiz will be taking place on 25th November at the Fountain Head. Please get your teams of four ready!

Height and Weight measurements for Reception and Year 6 children.

Please find attached details of the Devon programme for measuring height and weight for children in Reception and Year 6, together with forms relating to receiving your child's results and opting out.

Netball

My childis interested in taking part in the tournament on Monday 18th October at Sidmouth College and I give them permission to go if selected.

Signed.....(parent / guardian)

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Coat

Please order a coat for

Size (please circle) 3-4 5-6 7-8 9-10 11-12 13-14

Enclosed £16.50 cheque / cash